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SUBJECT: SAUDI DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING VISA FOR THE  
UNITED STATES; THREAT OF RECIPROCITY

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UNDER EXISTING BOULDER REQUIREMENTS IT IS DIFFICULT TO  
SEE HOW PROBLEMS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL CAN BE AVOIDED  
UNLESS DEPARTMENT RE-DEFINES "BOULDER EXPEDITE" OR  
"BOULDER EXEMPTION" CRITERIA TO INCLUDE ALL VIP'S AND  
HOLDERS OF SAUDI DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS WHO ARE B-2  
APPLICANTS AND NOT "FAVORABLY KNOWN" AT POST.  
UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WE DO NOT CONSIDER SAUDI THREAT OF  
RECIPROCITY ALL THAT FRIGHTENING SINCE RECIPROCITY IS  
WHAT WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTING FROM THEIR EMBASSY HERE  
FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS. FOR EXAMPLE: 1. USUAL  
WAITING TIME FOR A SAUDI VISA HAS BEEN IN NEIGHBORHOOD  
OF 10 DAYS. 2. FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER SAUDI'S  
ADAMANTLY REFUSED ISSUE MORE THAN SINGLE ENTRY TRANSIT  
VISAS TO U.S. DIPLOMATIC COURIERS IN FRANKFURT.  
3. OFFICIAL U.S. TRAVELERS WHO ARE NOT IN TRANSIT  
STATUS RECEIVE ONLY ENTRY VISA AND MAY APPLY FOR EXIT  
VISA ONLY AFTER ARRIVAL IN SAUDI ARABIA. 4. SAUDI

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EMBASSY NOW REQUIRING STATEMENT OF RELIGION FROM ALL

APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS.

ADMITTEDLY THE SITUATION HAS DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED IN THE LAST WEEK: VISA ISSUANCE TIME IS NOW ABOUT TWO DAYS AND U.S. COURIERS ARE GETTING 3 MONTH MULTIPLE TRANSIT VISAS. HOWEVER, AFTER ALL THINGS CONSIDERED WE DO NOT FEEL THAT SAUDIS ARE GETTING SHORT END OF STICK.

REPORT CONCERNING AMBASSADOR'S SON IS, INCIDENTALLY, NOT CORRECT. VISA WAS ISSUED SAME DAY AS APPLICATION UNDER "FAVORABLY KNOWN" PROVISION.

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